

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Annual Assessment of the Status of)	MB Docket No. 12-203
Competition in the Market for the)	
Delivery of Video Programming)	

**REPLY COMMENTS OF
Bedford Community Access TV**

Bedford Community Access Television of Bedford, MA submits these reply comments in response to the above-captioned Notice of Inquiry (“NOI”), released July 20, 2012, seeking “data, information, and comment on the state of competition in the delivery of video programming” and the opening comments filed in this proceeding.

Bedford TV is a Public Education and Government Access Station in Bedford, MA.

I would like to briefly tell you how important BTV is to our community and beyond. As one example, In government we work extensively with the Edith Norse Veterans Hospital here in Bedford. We have three programs that featur news about Veteran affairs. We also incorporate veterans in rehab as part of our volunteer program. One example on the education side is our Broadcast Journalism class we teach to HS students. We have mentored many kids into a successful field of media communications. On the Public side, for example, we have helped Elm brook Place, the local half way clubhouse for the mentally ill, make a video that helped garner

funding that kept them open another year. These are just single examples in what is repeated a 100 times every year for over 30 organizations in town. From church services to town governing committees, from Friday Night BHS Football to Council On Aging on the Air, we are the only channels that carry this programming. TV that is most relevant and vital to our local citizens.

We beseech you to keep at the FCC to protect PEG Access Programming. Its' very existence not only speaks to our democratic ideals, it helps ensure their survival.

Madeleine Altmann, 10-9-2012